

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

- 1 | 1. (Original) An edible protein matrix for use in creating edible compositions
2 | comprising:
3 | an intermediary film having greater than 50% processed protein by weight.
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- 2 | 2. (Currently Amended) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the processed protein is
3 | derived from at least one ~~a source selected from the group consisting of a non-~~
4 | synthetic mammalian, avian, reptilian, or aquatic protein.
- 1 | 3. (Original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the intermediary film comprises water in
2 | excess of 25% by weight.
- 1 | 4. (Original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the intermediary film further comprises a
2 | starch.
- 1 | 5. (Original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the intermediary film further comprises
2 | an oil.
- 1 | 6. (Original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the intermediary film further comprises a
2 | surface adjunct for modifying the surface characteristics of the film.
- 1 | 7. (Original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the protein of the intermediary film has
2 | an average gel strength of between about 850 and 1000 g/cm, inclusive.
- 1 | 8. (Original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the intermediary film is folded upon itself
2 | and selected portions thereof bonded to one another to form an enveloping
3 | structure to retain objects placed therein.

- 1 | 9. (Original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein two intermediary films are opposed to
2 each other and selected portions thereof bonded to one another to form an
3 enveloping structure to retain objects placed therein.
- 1 | 10. (Original) The matrix of claim 1 wherein the processed protein is surimi.
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- 1 | 20. (Original) An edible protein matrix envelope for receiving additional foodstuffs
2 comprising:
3 a first uncured film having greater than 50% processed protein by weight;
4 a second uncured film having greater than 50% processed protein by weight,
5 wherein the first film and the second film are bonded to each other about a
6 pre-established periphery during subsequent curing to form an envelope.
- 1 | 21. (Original) The envelope of claim 20 wherein the first film and the second film are
2 portions of a single film.
- 1 | 22. (Original) The envelope of claim 20 wherein a portion of the pre-established
2 periphery between the first and the second film is not bonded, to form an opening
3 into the envelope.

1 | 23. (Currently Amended) The envelope of claim 20 wherein the processed protein is
2 | selected ~~derived~~ from at least one ~~the group consisting of~~ a non-synthetic
3 | mammalian, avian, reptilian, or aquatic protein.

1 | 24. (New) The envelope of claim 20 wherein the first and the second films have an
2 | outer surface and wherein at least one outer surface comprises a visually
3 | perceptible synthetic design.

1 | 25. (New) The envelope of claim 20 wherein the first and the second films have an
2 | outer surface and wherein at least one outer surface comprises a tactilely
3 | perceptible synthetic design.

1 | 26. (New) An edible envelope comprising at least one film having greater than 50%
2 | processed protein by weight, wherein the at least one film is configured to accept
3 | edible food stuffs therein.

1 | 27. (New) The envelope of claim 26, further comprising edible foodstuffs within the
2 | envelope.